City of Northampton

Massachusetts

In City Council, April 2, 2020

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz and Planning & Sustainability

20.111 An Order to Accept Land and Surplus it for Affordable Housing at Laurel Street and Burts Pit Road

- WHEREAS, Successive legislation (Chapter 86 of the Acts of 1994, Chapter 241 of the Acts of 2016, and House 4123, 2020, awaiting the Governor's signature) has set aside lots on Laurel Street and Burts Pit Road for affordable housing, to transfer the land to the City of Northampton, and to waive consideration (respectively);
- WHEREAS, Consistent with the City's Sustainable Northampton Comprehensive Plan, Housing Needs Assessment, and Fair Housing plans, the city has planned since 1994 for this land to be used for affordable housing;
- WHEREAS, City Council has consistently endorsed this use of the land, petitioning the state legislature for these pieces of legislation and most recently zoning Laurel Street parcels as part of the Smart Growth overlay on April 2, 2020.

Ordered, that

The Mayor is authorized to accept said deed to the above referenced land, approximately 3.4 acres in aggregate, at 23 Laurel Street and 278 Burts Pit Road;

Further that City Council declares the parcels surplus to City needs;

Further that the Mayor is authorized to transfer deeds for the land subject to the city retaining affordable housing restriction;

Further, to the extent consistent with the authorizing legislation, the Mayor is authorized to adjust parcel boundaries with neighboring properties such that the final land dedicated to affordable housing is no less than the current lot configurations.

